Review of SEZ policy

3670. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) policy to provide clarity to the policy, following protests against acquisition of agricultural land for industrialization under the said scheme;

(b)if so, the details of the reviewed and revised SEZ policy; and

(c) the steps since taken in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) Various issues cocerning the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) policy have been considered by the Government and it has been decided that applications for SEZs may be processed for in principle & formal approvals and notifications subject to the condition that the State Governments would not undertake any compulsory acquisition of land for such SEZs. Further, it has been decided to fix the upper limit of the area required for multi product SEZs at 5000 hectares with the provision that the State Governments may prescribe a lower limit. Ministry of Rural Development has been requested to reformulate a comprehensive Land Acquisition Act to address all relevant issues and also to work out a comprehensive Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy ensuring livelihood from the project to at least one person from each displaced family.

Import of pulses

3671. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pulses have been imported in substantial quantity;

(b) if so, the details of volume of various pulses imported year-wise since 2002-03 till 31st March, 2007;

(c) the details of exports, if any, of pulses during the same period,